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In re Appln. of: HOFLER et al.

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For: CONNECTION SYSTEM FOR
CONNECTING AT LEAST ONE
CONTACT OF AT LEAST FLAT
BLOCK OF COMPONENTS TO
AT LEAST ONE APPARATUS

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Client No. (2003P12333WOUS)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and
 §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b),
 Applicants hereby cite the following references:

U.S. AND FOREIGN REFERENCES

Patent/ Publication No.	Date of Issue/Publication	Patentee/Applicant/Country
6,066,006	05/23/2000	Shaw
6,036,508	03/14/2000	Anderson et al.
5,411,418	05/02/1995	Welsh et al.
4,812,130	03/14/1989	Altenschulte
WO 02/089260 A3	11/07/2002	PCT

For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet) and a copy of cited reference A5. As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3). Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's consideration of the above references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

Also enclosed are copies of the International Search Report dated August 2, 2005 and the International Preliminary Examination Report (with translation into

English) dated June 13, 2006 for the corresponding PCT Application
No. PCT/EP2004/053725.

By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

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Respectfully submitted,

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/MZ/	A1	6,066,006	05/23/2000	Shaw		
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